SLEEPY HOLLOW POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Gregory Camp reports:

For the first time, mobile phone users can provide anonymous crime fighting tips to the Sleepy Hollow Police Department. The service, called TipSoft, allows citizens to send anonymous tips online or by sending a text message to CRIMES (274637) with the keyword SHPDTIPS from a mobile phone.

The widespread use of text messaging makes it easy for the public to help law enforcement agencies fight crime. With TipSoft, the public can know that it's safe to do the right thing without disclosing your identity.

TipSoft is made by PublicEngines and allows agencies and the general public to have a two way dialog that is completely secure and anonymous. The service specifically allows text message providers to remain anonymous by encrypting text messages, assigning them a unique alias and ID, and routing them through secure servers, protecting the personal details of the information provider.

"Sleepy Hollow is demonstrating its commitment to the public and to public safety by using technology to prevent, reduce and solve crime," says William Kilmer, CEO of PublicEngines. "With TipSoft, agencies can invite the public to take an active role in making their communities safer."

Citizens are encouraged to use TipSoft to report information about any non-urgent illegal activity, such as unsolved cases, vandalism, theft, sale and distribution of drugs, or information about crimes that are being planned in the community or in the schools.

For more information, visit: www.CrimeReports.com or www.TipSoft.com.

To provide the Sleepy Hollow Police Department with an anonymous tip;

I-Phone or Android phones: A free APP is available. Search the App Store or Market by searching for TipSoft or

TipSubmit. Load the APP on your phone and when you wish to provide a tip select Sleepy Hollow as the agency, choose a password (or not), complete the information and

then submit the tip.

Texting a Tip: Any phone with SMS or texting ability can send a tip by entering SHPDTIPS, your

message and then sending to CRIMES (274637). NOTE:

1. [Text **STOP** to 274637 to cancel. Text **HELP** to 274637 for help. Message and

Data rates may apply. Terms and Conditions, Privacy Policy, Terms of Use]

WEB: Log in to <u>www.TipSoft.com</u> or <u>www.tipsubmit.com</u> and submit a tip. Complete the

prompts if requested; County-USA, State-NY, City-Sleepy Hollow PD. Complete the requested info or as much detail as possible and then submit the tip. Login at the same

location to follow-up on a previously submitted tip.

Reporting via TipSoft will not take the place of reporting a crime in progress or summon an immediate response by the police to a location specified in the 'tip'.

REPORT ANY CRIME IN PROGRESS OR ANY OCCURANCE REQUIRING IMMEDIATE ATTENTION BY THE POLICE BY: DIALING **911** OR CALLING 914-631-0800.